

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Democratic Club as they celebrate the organization's 90th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the FDR Club will be hosting an anniversary banquet on April 30, 2022, at the Hammond Mohawk Athletic & Conservation Club.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Hammond was founded by forty-two members of Polish ancestry on December 3, 1932. Since the time of its founding, the club's members set out to engage in the promotion and advancement of civic progress within the Democratic Party. Since its inception, club members have selflessly given their time and support to the community of Northwest Indiana. The residents of Northwest Indiana are grateful for the club's "Candidates' Night," which is held prior to each primary and general election. This is an outstanding opportunity for voters to meet candidates and discuss the needs of their community. For their significant contributions to upholding the ideals of the democratic process in their communities and throughout Northwest Indiana, the members and leaders of the FDR Club are to be commended.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the 2020 FDR Club Officers. They are: President Suzette Kubacki, First Vice President Lee Ward, Second Vice President Anna Mamala, Secretary Mark Szpak, Treasurer Ted Oberc, and Trustees Rich Chmielik, Mary T. Hildebranski, and Brian Krupinski.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Hammond Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club on its 90th anniversary. The work of this truly admirable organization is a great asset to the people of Northwest Indiana, and for their selfless service, the leadership and members are worthy of the highest praise, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

HONORING INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOUG GUTWEIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO HOOSIERS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Indiana State Representative Doug Gutwein on his remarkable career in service to our state and nation as he prepares to retire this year. Representative Gutwein,

who represents Indiana House District 16, has dedicated his life to making his fellow Hoosiers safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

A lifelong Hoosier, Representative Gutwein was born and raised in Francesville. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Army. He returned to Pulaski County to run his brother's small business, which he later acquired.

In 1991, Representative Gutwein began his career in public service as a member of the Francesville Town Board and he was elected president of the board in 1992.

First elected to the Indiana State House of Representatives in 2008, Representative Gutwein quickly began delivering results for Hoosiers.

During his tenure, he has served as a leader in expanding newborn screenings and safeguarding the most vulnerable Hoosiers. Representative Gutwein has sponsored legislation, including both Graham's Law and Bryce's Bill, to update and expand the list of screenings newborns receive in Indiana shortly after birth—increasing awareness of conditions and saving lives.

Representative Gutwein also introduced legislation to address flooding and drainage issues along the Kankakee and Yellow rivers by the Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Commission, which will have long-lasting benefits for our region.

As a veteran, Representative Gutwein has remained active in advocating for his fellow veterans and supporting our troops. He led legislative solutions to equip Hoosier veterans with resources, improve communication with the veteran community, and cut taxes for our heroes. In addition to his work in the State Assembly, Representative Gutwein also is an active member of the American Legion and continues to fight every day for his fellow veterans. He has been instrumental in sending Indiana-grown popcorn to American troops to share a taste of home.

Throughout his time at the Statehouse, Representative Gutwein has been a strong leader for agriculture, small business, and other vital Hoosier priorities. He also served as chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee, the Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee, and the Select Committee on Government Reduction.

Representative Gutwein and his wife, Mary Lew, have been blessed with three children and seven grandchildren. The entire Gutwein family is a cherished part of our Pulaski County community.

On behalf of the 2nd District of Indiana, it is my privilege to honor State Representative Doug Gutwein for his distinguished service to Hoosiers and Americans across the country. As he prepares to retire from the Indiana State House of Representatives, I wish Representative Gutwein and his family all the best in the chapters ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and include in the RECORD the words of Rabbi Mendel Alperowitz of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, honoring the life and legacy of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

Remarks by Rabbi Mendel Alperowitz:
Today we recognize the life and leadership of the global spiritual leader Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known universally as "the Rebbe" and head of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

Rabbi Schneerson arrived with his wife, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, to our shores in 1941 from the Nazi inferno, just as our nation was celebrating our independence on July 4—a bearded, Yiddish-speaking, childless and penniless Soviet emigre.

Yet, without the benefit of material resources or political power, only the force of his convictions, a selfless dedication to the Supreme Being and to every human being, the Rebbe resuscitated and guided a demoralized and depleted world Jewry to rebuild and even to flourish after the Holocaust. Though he came to this country with nothing, through his work the Rebbe became the most influential rabbi in modern history.

One result of his leadership is the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, which, by following his teachings and example, became the world's largest Jewish educational organization. Today there are more than 3,500 permanent Chabad-Lubavitch centers providing educational, religious, and humanitarian programming, serving people in all 50 States, including in my home state of South Dakota, and in over 100 countries around the world.

The Rebbe's message to all peoples everywhere in the world community calls for focusing serious concern on the values of education and acts of charity, to provide an education which is imbued with ethical, moral and spiritual values. The recognition that there is "an Eye that Sees and an Ear that Hears,"—that all humankind is accountable to the Creator who provided us with the only true guide for life. The Rebbe teaches that these moral and ethical values, as enshrined in the Seven Laws given to Noah, must be an integral part of any educational system if humankind is to live in harmony with a fellow human and if humanity is to realize G-ds expectation of her or him. When does this education begin? The moment life starts. When does education end? It never does.

The Rebbe always extolled America's unique role and mission on the world stage and had meaningful relationships with several of our nation's leaders who saw him as the moral guide to so many. For the Rebbe, America was a beacon of light with a historic prominence to be utilized in influencing the betterment of all humanity. The Rebbe called America "a nation of kindness" and pointed to the words "In God We Trust" enshrined on all American currency as a defining element of the great American story.

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